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**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF MCI COMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES INC. D/B/A VERIZON BUSINESS SERVICES TO DISCONTINUE
DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

WC Docket No. 08-14
Comp. Pol. File No. 851

Comments Due: February 14, 2008

Section 214 Application

Applicant: MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services

On January 2, 2008, MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services (Verizon or Applicant), located at **22001 Loudoun County Parkway, Ashburn, VA 20147**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of a certain domestic telecommunications service in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. By an amendment filed January 18, 2008, Verizon corrected certain deficiencies in its initial application and updated the record regarding notice to customers. Accordingly, Verizon's application is deemed complete as of January 18, 2008.

Verizon indicates that it currently offers Telex service in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico on a domestic interstate and an international basis. Verizon explains that this service allows subscribers to send real-time teletype messages. Verizon states that it plans to discontinue this service in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico on March 1, 2008, subject to Commission authorization.¹ Verizon maintains that there are several alternative providers of telex services in the United States. Verizon states that it mailed letters to affected customers to inform them of the proposed discontinuance on December 27, 2007, and that it subsequently mailed notice in compliance with section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules on January 18, 2008. Finally, Verizon asserts that it is non-dominant with respect to the service it proposes to discontinue.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, Verizon's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies Verizon that the grant will not be automatically effective. In Verizon's application and notices to customers, Verizon indicates that it anticipates discontinuing service on March 1, 2008. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of Verizon's application and notices, absent further Commission action, Verizon may terminate Telex service in all 50 states, the District of Columbia,

¹ Discontinuance of international service is governed by 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

and Puerto Rico on **March 1, 2008**. The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a “permit but disclose” proceeding for purposes of the Commission’s ex parte rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **February 14, 2008**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 08-14 and Comp. Pol. File No. 851**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, “get form.” A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four copies of the comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. The Commission’s contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C327, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

The application will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at FCC@BCPIWEB.COM. People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), carmell.weathers@fcc.gov, or Rodney McDonald, (202) 418-7513 (voice), rodney.mcdonald@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit [**http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other adjud**](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud).

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